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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the review of management and administration in the Registry of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly,

Recalling section V of its resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Review of management and administration in the Registry of the International Court of Justice",[1] and the comments of the International Court of Justice and those of the Secretary-General thereon,[2]

1. *Notes* that the problems in the management of the Registry of the International Court of Justice referred to in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit have been, to a large extent, resolved;

2. *Also notes* recommendations 1 and 7 of the Joint Inspection Unit, concerning research assistants and the post of a senior Administrative/Personnel Officer, respectively, and requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to consider the matter and make such recommendations as it deems appropriate in the context of its report on the Secretary-General's proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, for decision by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session;

[1] A/55/834.
[2] A/55/834/Add.1.

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3. *Emphasizes* the importance of consistent, fair and transparent management of personnel, and the need for the introduction of an effective performance appraisal system for the staff of the International Court of Justice, referred to in paragraph 85 of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit;[1]

4. *Invites* the International Court of Justice to review the need to amend its own staff rules to enable the introduction and implementation of the performance appraisal system;

5. *Decides* to keep the matter under review at its fifty-sixth session.